



Mansfield Middle School Association

March 6, 2012 Minutes

In Attendance: Candace Morell (CM), Mary Mindek (MM), Diane Briody (DB) Marie Hodrinsky (MGH), Lisa Drzewiecki (LD), Melissa Belden (MB), Ruth Washington (RW),

11. Call to Order:

- D. Briody called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
- Everyone was asked to introduce themselves.

11. Special Guest Speaker(s):

- Rescheduled due to weather

11. Approval of the minutes:

- Melissa Belden made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb 2013 and Ruth Washington seconded the motion.

11. Officer Reports:

- **President, Diane Brody:**

- Munson's fundraiser – profit should be around ~\$1000, order will be picked up on 3/15 and assembled over the weekend.
- History Day – the Alteri's will cater but would like someone to volunteer to take over this task for next year and be 'trained' by the Alteri's at this year's event. They'll need ~\$300 to cover up-front expenses. Diane to send out Q-notify asking for volunteers.
- EO Smith Scholarship: - We agreed to give \$350 as we have in the past and decided to let them set the criteria for the award. Diane will complete the paperwork and send it in.
- 8th Grade Promotion – Lisa may speak to Sue Kaeser to see if she still wants to run this, otherwise Diane volunteered to chair. (*Post meeting note – Marie spoke to Sue and she does not have the time to do this.*)

- **Vice-president, Marie Hodrinsky:**

- Marie asked that include a direct link to the online notices so people don't have drill down to find the notices. This may be difficult as there are sometimes different notices for each grade. Candace said she'd speak with Jim to see what can be done.
- Marie commented on how great the Parent Portal is for parents to keep in touch with their kid's work/grades. Candace commented that kids can also access this using their school logins.

- **Treasurer, Lisa Drzewiecki:**

- No activity since last month
- \$6469 in account (see attachment for details)

- **Secretary, Sand Hill:** *Not in attendance.*
5. **Administrator's Report:** (Candace Morell)
 - History Day – local History Day was held and the Regional will be on 3/23. Kelle Brouse is looking for parent volunteers. (*Post meeting note – Marie helped Kelle get a Q-notify out which helped her get enough volunteers*)
 - Progress Reports went out and 3rd Marking Period ends on 4/12.
 - Parent Portal – about 427 kids and 329 parents are using the Parent Portal. This does not take into account access from other non-computer devices.
 - Last Day of school still TBD
 - Play – John Basnight will be directing the school play which will be 'The Fools' by Neil Simon on 6/7 and 6/8. Try outs have been occurring and will continue
 6. **Faculty Report:** (Mary Mindek)
 - 'The Affordable Organic', Linda Watson, made a special lunch today, 3/6 and the kids loved it!
 - Science Quiz Bowl – was held in auditorium
 - 3/7 – German Exchange meeting (if postponed due to weather will be on 3/14)
 - 3/12 – Spring Country Dance
 - 3/15 – Choral Concert in Roman Ball Room
 - 3/23 – Regional History Day
 - 3/28 – Chamber Strings and Fiddle Group invited to perform at State Capital
 - 4/11 – 7th grade Worcester field trip
 - 4/49 – 6th grade Sturbridge Village field trip
 - 5/15 – Spring Orchestra Concert
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 7. **Old Business:**
 8. **New Business:**
 - **Talent Show:** there were no volunteers to run the silent auction so the MMSA decided to skip it this year
 - **Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge:** We agreed to participate in program. Marie will complete paperwork and get a Q-notify sent out.
 9. **Mansfield Tomorrow:** Community Forum on Saturday 3/9. They are looking for PTO reps from schools. Marie and Diane agreed to go. The advisory group will meet 5 – 6x's /year over the next 18 – 24 months.
 10. **Other Business:**
 - Fundraising:
 - Mixed Bag: will be done in Fall of 2013
 - Box Tops: ongoing (Melissa Belden will now coordinate and send in to company)
 - T-shirts: this will be ongoing and Lisa will get us the name of the local company we'd like to consider using and Marie will take the lead. Need logo.
 - Post Meeting Note: An email was distributed to the MMSA asking us if we'd like to work in conjunction with the Student Council's talent show to do a silent

auction fundraiser. We declined as none of the MMSA members have the time to commit at this point.

11. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 1st. A request for agenda items will be sent about one week prior to the meeting with the final agenda to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hodrinsky

Vice-president (pending approval at our next meeting)